

Florida House of Representatives

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Federal Communications Commission c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners Clyburn, Copps, and McDowell,

In my campaign for the Florida House of Representatives I pledged to do everything I could to help strengthen our state's economy. Now, from my position on the House's Economic Development and Tourism subcommittee, I have an opportunity to do that.

One issue has recently caught my attention: the potential merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, currently pending before the FCC (WT Docket No. 11-65). I believe a successful merger between these two companies could significantly help consumers and businesses in my district and I urge you to quickly approve it.

As part of the terms of the merger, AT&T has promised to devote an additional \$8 billion to building out its 4G LTE network. High-speed wireless broadband is currently unavailable in many rural areas of the country, areas like the 22nd District that I represent. The \$8 billion investment would allow AT&T and T-Mobile to bring this service to 55 million more Americans than they could without this merger.

Improving the lives of consumers and business owners will help our economy, which is why I urge you to approve the pending merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry, State Representative

Florida, 22nd District

Committees: Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee, State Affairs Committee